U.S. Representative Sanford Bishop issued the following statement Thursday (3/20) in connection with the tornadoes that struck areas of Southwest Georgia:

"Our prayers go out to the families who suffered grievous losses when these tornadoes struck our area of Georgia, and to everyone in the communities affected by this disaster. The Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA) has assured me it will act quickly to implement relief assistance, as will our state and community agencies. When we respond quickly and efficiently to a domestic disaster such as this at a time of war, we demonstrate the country's strength at home. If anyone has questions relating to relief efforts, our Second District congressional offices stand ready to assist."

Representative Bishop maintains Second District offices in the following locations: Albany, 229-439-8067; Columbus, 706-320-9477; Dawson, 229-995-3991; and Valdosta, 229-247-9705.